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MEMORANDUM FOR:	Acting	Director	of	Central	Intelli	gence

: Special Meeting of the Defense Mobilization Board SUBJECT

: Letter from Director, ODM to DCI, dated 4 September REFERENCE

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request, I am submitting the follow-1. At [ing comments regarding the attached letter and memorandum from the Director, Office of Defense Mobilization.

- 2. I believe the Agency should be represented at this meeting. There are major telecommunications problems inherent in the present situation with the Soviet Orbit. I have probably had as much to do with the study and recommendations with respect to these matters, which culminated in NSC-169 and the Killian study, as anyone else in the Government. It was largely through our efforts that the review resulting in NSC-169 was made and many of the solutions grew directly out of studies conducted within the Agency.
- 3. In light of Dr. Flemming's desire that the head of the Agency or his deputy should attend, I believe you should consider attending although I believe I could handle the problems which will be posed. If you concur that the Agency should be represented and are able to attend the meeting yourself, I recommend that we obtain a copy of the report and I will prepare a briefing memorandum for your assistance.
- 4. I understand that Mr. Hoover is taking a personal interest in this meeting and is prepared to participate actively. He, of course, has extensive background in communications and has a personal interest in the subject. At times, his approach concentrates more on technical and operational problems than on organizational, policy and planning matters. However, I understand that he will receive a very good briefing on these subjects by members of his staff.

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